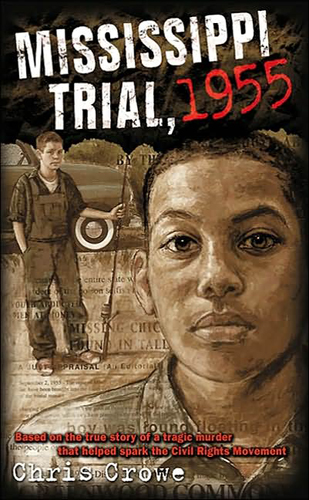
VOCAB LIST D



Mississippi Trial, 1955 Chapters 13-17

1. **accost** (verb) to confront boldly; to approach, especially with a greeting, question, or remark

2. **apprenticeship** <p. 175> (noun) working for another in order to learn a trade

3. **calculating** <p. 190> (adjective) shrewd; cautious

4. **conscience** <p. 153> (noun) the inner sense of what is right or wrong in one's conduct or motives that

controls or inhibits the actions or thoughts of an individual

5. **convene** <p. 172> (verb) to come together or assemble, usually for some public purpose; to cause to

assemble; to summon to appear, as before a judicial officer

6. **credentials** <p. 158> (noun) evidence of authority, status, rights, entitlement to privileges, or the like,

usually in written form; anything that provides the basis for confidence, belief, credit, etc.

7. **generalities** <p. 188> (noun) an indefinite, unspecific, or undetailed statement; a [general](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/general) principle, rule,

or law

8. **gingerly** <p. 202> (adverb) with great care or caution; warily

9. **impartial** <p. 160> (adjective) not [partial](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/partial) or biased; fair; just: an impartial judge

10. **implicate** <p. 189> (verb) to show to be also involved, usually in an incriminating manner

11. **obliged** <p. 151> (adjective) bound morally or legally, as by a promise or contract; placed under a debt

of gratitude for some benefit, favor, or service

12. **pertinent** <p. 171> (adjective) [pertaining](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/pertain) or relating directly and significantly to the matter at hand;

relevant

13. **prospective** <p. 161> (adjective) potential, likely, or expected

14. **qualified** <p. 171> (adjective) having the qualities or accomplishments that fit a person for some function,

office, or position **also qualifications** <p. 173> (noun)

15. **relevance** <p. 172> (adjective) the condition of being [relevant](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/relevant), or connected with the matter at hand

16. **smug** <p. 175> (adjective) conceited; egotistical; contentedly confident of one's ability, superiority, or

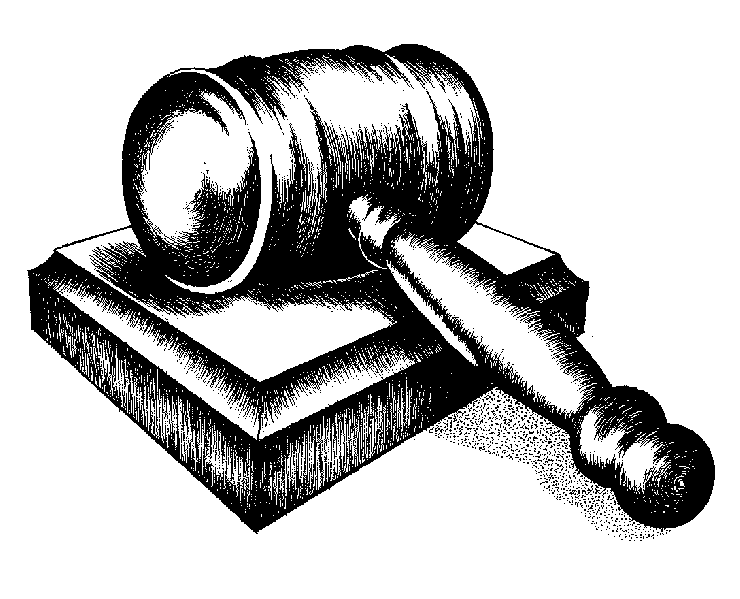
correctness

17. **snicker** <p. 173> (verb) to utter a partly stifled laugh

18. **somber** <p. 178> (adjective) gloomy, depressing, or dismal; extremely serious

19. **speculate** <p. 180> (verb) to engage in thought or guesswork

20**. sympathetic** <p. 177> (adjective) understanding; compassionate; caring; supportive; thoughtful

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**Courtroom & Trial Vocabulary**



**acquit** <p. 195> (verb) to declare not guilty; to relieve from a charge of fault or crime

**allegedly** <p. 123> (adverb) according to what is or has been declared or stated

**convict** <p. 161> (verb) to prove that someone is guilty of a crime in a court of law

**cross-examine** <p. 168> (verb) to interrogate a witness called by the opposing side, as for the purpose of discrediting the witness's testimony

[**defense** <p. 153> (noun)](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/lynching)  the side of a legal case which argues that a person who is accused of a crime is innocent

**deliberation**  <p. 184> (noun) careful thought or discussion done in order to make a decision; a discussion and consideration by a group of persons (as a jury or legislature) of the reasons for and against a measure

**indict** <p. 149> (verb) to make a formal accusation against a party by the findings of a jury, especially a grand jury

**overruled** <p. 168> (adjective) the judge, following an objection, decides the questions may continue

**prosecution** <p. 129> (noun) the side of a legal case which argues that a person who is accused of a crime is guilty

**subpoena** <p. 133> (noun) the summoning of witnesses or the submission of evidence, as records or documents, before a court; disobedience may be punishable as a contempt of court

**sustained** <p. 172> (adjective) the judge, following an objection, agrees that the line of questioning should not continue

**testify** <p. 120> (verb) to bear witness to; affirm as fact or truth; attest; to give or afford evidence of in any manner; to state or declare under oath or affirmation, usually in court

**unsubstantiated** <p. 167> (adjective) unproved or unverified; unsupported by other evidence

**verdict** <p. 191> (noun) the decision of guilty or not guilty that is handed down by the jury

